



The Legislature is considering the least painful way to kill criminals.

It is to be hoped that Congressmen who have ideas on the tariff have so the proper appreciation of brevity.

The Senate has passed the bill admitting South Dakota as a State. Congress should now disfranchise the bizzards.

The Thomas bill abolishes the Railroad Commission. It will now be in order for some district of reform to move an investigation of the Commission's lobby.

The Union Local prints a communication boozing Laffoon for Congress. There are some people who would not be surprised to hear that Polk is secretly in the race.

It is expected that Senator Beck will be married this summer to Mrs. Henderson, daughter of Dr. Yandell, of Louisville. The prospective bride has a fortune estimated at \$400,000.

George C. Miln, the Chicago preacher, tragedian, etc., is now defendant in a suit for divorce, his wife basing her petition on a ground that is usually recognized as sufficient when proven. Mr. Miln several years ago quit preaching to become an actor. It seems that the catastrophe of the play was laid at his own house.

The Congressional situation seems to be resolved into a fight between Powell and Ellis. We have nothing to say against the former, but we will advocate the latter. The people of this county realize what sort of timber should be used for a Congressman and they think they have suitable material in Bill Ellis. Our favorite's personal pulchritude is not of the aesthetic type, but for old fashion, big road, hard common-sense, he has bushels of it.

Gov. Alger, of Michigan, speaks right out in meeting and says he wants the Presidential nomination. He expresses a wholesome contempt for those cowardly politicians who are always secretly laying pipes and pulling wires, yet all the time concealing or trying to conceal their object. If a man wants to be President of the United States, Alger thinks he should come out and say so, taking sixty odd million people into his confidence from the first.

The Clarksville Chronicle, that organ of infinite jest, gives us another sample of its refined humor in the following: "Clarksville is a long ways ahead of Hopkinsville in every good thing except her murder docket." It is refreshing to know that our esteemed contemporary classifies the "murder docket" with the "good things." With this view of the question, which is strikingly original, we are forced to the conclusion that our city has been relieved of a number of thugs and outlaws, the like of which still flourish around Clarksville like "green bay trees."

A bill has passed the House reforming the common school laws. One valuable feature of it is, it makes the examination and duties of County Superintendents more stringent. This is one officer the people of every county should elect without reference to party affiliations, or if the partisan spirit is to prevail the majority should always put forward a competent man. The educational condition of a county is of necessity deplorable when the Superintendent is either a lazy or an ignorant man, and, besides, he should be fired with patriotic zeal for his work and not driven by a baseless desire to draw his salary and feed at the public crib.

The republicans of Ohio have unfurled the bloody shirt. Let it be remembered that the g. o. p. will do anything to attract attention from the real vital question at issue, the tariff. Everybody knows at least everybody that knows anything at all, that every voter in the South has a fair chance to cast his ballot. Of course there are a good many Northern and Eastern people who think Kentucky is still "the dark and bloody hunting grounds" and that bear and buffalo roam at large over Tennessee and Mississippi, and that the red man in all his primal glory and pristine savagery yelps vengeance on the streets of Atlanta and Montgomery, there may be such as these and they are the ones who worship at the shrine of the ensanguined garment.

We wish to say that we advocate the O. V., the Norfolk, the Cumberland Gap, the Columbus, or any other railroad that proposes, or intimates, or hints that it will come into, or through, or by Hopkinsville. None of the head officials of these lines have imposed a confidential interview upon us; in fact, we have gazed upon Judge Landes and Col. Townes as great reservoirs of secreted information, and we long for the day when we can plunge into the depths of their inner consciousness and establish friendly relations with the vast projects reposing there. Seriously, there is perhaps a little reason for impatience, but our people should remember that it takes time to perfect so vast an enterprise as the construction of a railroad. Judge Landes and Col. Townes have the interests of our city upon their hearts, and they had better move slow than make a mistake. There is a world of wisdom in the maxim "make haste slowly."

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## THE RAILROAD LOBBY.

A bill was passed by the Legislature the other day appointing three senators and four representatives to investigate the L. & N. lobbyists at Frankfort. The bill cites numerous indignities supposed to have been committed against decency and order, and proposes a complete moral revolution in the way things are managed. To an observer at this distance it seems that the bill is either a humiliating confession, or an odious charge, of corruption among our legislators; in either case the parties to be investigated should be the lawmakers themselves, who in succumbing to the bribes of lobbyists have violated all the principles of manhood and honor. But we go a step further and say that if such a state of facts exist, as set forth in the bill, the whole town of Frankfort should be swept clean of the boulders. This one fact is true, however, vultures feed only where carcasses are, and if the Legislature was strictly business, if the members openly and unreservedly acted up to principle, if when a bill came before them it was well understood that they would always do the right thing—then there would be no lobbyist, either corrupt or incorrupt, and our representatives would bear as fair a name as the Supreme Justice.

In the debate on the bill Senator Clay said that the L. & N. had subsidized the press of this State. The Senator was doubtless hot in the collar when he made this remark. The SOUTH KENTUCKIAN will make oath to the fact that never in the history of this paper has any railroad ever come to us with a proposition, directly or indirectly, that could be construed into an attempt at bribery, and we believe this is true of the State press at large. Mr. Clay was doubtless "performing" for the benefit of the Railroad Commission, and when the KENTUCKIAN, or another paper, advocates the Thomas bill, or any measure hostile to the Commission, it but echoes the voice of the people expressed in printed interviews had in all the principle towns of the State. Mr. Clay has made an ass of himself in preferring this wholesale charge of corruption against the newspapers, and he need not expect to be dubbed a "reformer" for this solitary oratorical attempt to save the country.

In regard to the L. & N. lobby this fact is to be considered: the Company is probably the largest property holder in the State, and when an attempt is being made to transfer the management of its affairs into the hands of an inexperienced Commission with extraordinary powers, it cannot be blamed for looking after its own interests. We do not propose to vindicate any injustice the L. & N. may have inflicted upon the people of this State, but as a plain matter of business no man can blame the Company for an honest effort to protect its property and its business. This is simply common sense.

One word about lobbyists in general. It is a great mistake to suppose that every man who goes to Frankfort to look after a measure that concerns himself or his community, is a corruptionist. People have begun to suspect the fidelity of representatives in many matters of great importance. Gentlemen who go to the Legislature as lobbyists frequently are sent by the people at home that they may keep their representative from being led with the nose-ring of "courtesy" into forbidden paths by some filibustering boss in the Assembly. Lobbyists are as frequently angels of light as they are demons of darkness. Just let the representatives plant their standards on the heights of fidelity to principle, loyalty to constituency, consecration to country, and commit matrimony with honor and integrity, and the boulders would sooner call upon the mountains to fall upon them than to attempt to live above the state capital.

These opinions are the utterances of thoughtful men and are worth considering.

## THE WHISKY QUESTION.

Last Friday the Senate concurred in the House bill to re-submit the prohibition question to the voters of Christian county. The signature of the Governor is all that is now needed to fix the matter. The bill places the election on the first Saturday in May, 1889. Each voter is to answer the question, "Are you in favor of the repeal of the act prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in this county?" the "yes" or "no" answers to be recorded in separate columns opposite the names of the voters.

As can well be imagined the passage of this bill has placed the whisky question afresh on the market. In order to ascertain the sentiment of our people, the KENTUCKIAN interviewed several citizens. Their views will be found below and are worth considering.

James Breathitt: "The matter as it now stands is unsettled and unsatisfactory. The law has been disregarded openly, and the bill places the election at a distant date that it may be given a fair test. Prohibitionists ought to desire another vote, because the law to be at all effective needs another vindication. Another election will settle the question permanently, and is the only way to bring about a better state of affairs. These were the considerations that led to the framing and passage of the bill."

Ike Burnett: "I have always been, and am now, opposed to prohibition. I believe it is a failure and never will accomplish what its advocates claim it is intended with untold evils which can hardly be avoided. A reporter visited all the prominent towns in Maine and informs the N. Y. Herald that in every place whisky was sold openly in the face of the law. Prohibition will not prohibit, and therefore I'm against it."

Judge R. T. Petree: "I believe prohibition is as strong in the county now as ever. The passage of the law was, but half the battle. We must have prohibition county officers, and I am in favor of running a ticket on that platform, not to organize a third party but to form a local organization for this special object. Until our officials want the law enforced it never will be enforced, and the thing is to get anti-whisky officers. The people in the county, where the law has been observed, are strong for prohibition. In another contest I believe the 'drys' would win as before."

John Feland, Sr.: "I'm blue over the situation. They have put the election off a year, and we are going to have haves in town between now and that time. On the presumption that the law will be repealed next May, the whisky sellers will be more flagrant in their violations of the law from now on and I dread the interim. I believe the prohibitionists can carry the county again. There is only two things we can do, either elect prohibition officers and enforce the law strictly, or get high license. I'm going to talk with some of the whisky men and see if we can't get the bill amended so that the City Council will be allowed to charge high for licenses. I want to avoid the trouble between now and next May. The argument against the law is that it is violated, and they will now violate it more than ever to make the argument stronger. We could win in a contest, but high license looks like the best compromise for the present."

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## The Presbyterians.

The Davis Presbytery met at the C. P. Church Saturday morning, Dr. J. M. Gill in the chair as Moderator and Rev. H. F. Perry, Secretary. The day sessions were of an interesting character. At night the Presbytery gave way to the "Woman's Missionary Society." The president, Mrs. H. A. Rogers, made a very interesting and eloquent appeal for the cause, after which the report of the secretary, Mrs. Will A. Long, and of the treasurer, Mrs. J. P. Braden, were listened to. Dr. A. W. Hale and his interesting wife consumed the rest of the evening in talks on Japan, their home. The Presbytery appointed Rev. H. F. Perry as delegate to the General Assembly, at Waco, Texas, in May, Dr. Gill as alternate; T. D. Dance was appointed from among the Elders to attend the Assembly with Eld. J. E. Stevenson as alternate. Sunday most of the pupils in the city were filled by the visiting ministers.

At 1 o'clock the same day the Democracy of the county will meet at the court house in mass convention to select delegates to the State Convention.

The St. Louis jury in the suit of David S. Fotheringham against the Adams Express Company agreed on a verdict of \$20,000 for the plaintiff. The case grew out of the "Jim Cummings" express robbery on the "Frisco" road in 1886, when the robbers secured \$53,000. A year ago the three robbers, Wittrock, Haile, and Weaver, were captured in Chicago and \$11,000 of the stolen money was recovered. The men confessed extorting the express messenger, David S. Fotheringham, who had been held and, as it seemed to the jury, bounded by W. H. Damsel, the agent of the company and P'kertson's detective. The original sum claimed was \$60,000.

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The experts investigating the Tate defalcation will report to the Legislature to-day. A special says "his speculations have run through all the years of his service, and his shortage will reach \$229,000. It has also been discovered that he is a forger and carried \$100,000 away with him."

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Miss Salliclust and Lena Hopson spent Sunday at Trenton.

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HERE AND THERE

Hopkinsville lime sold at Cansler's. The farmers are badly in need of rain.

See announcement of Gordon Hanbury for sheriff.

Dr. J. D. Clardy went to Trenton Saturday to lecture to the Grange at that place.

A. Tandy is just in receipt of a large shipment of the National corn and tobacco grower.

Cal. McKinney, a Todd county moonshiner, has been released from the Louisville jail on bail.

Rev. T. E. Tiller, of Louisville, preached at the Baptist church at Pembroke, Sunday.

The rate to the Circle meeting at Crofton next Saturday and Sunday will be 50 cents round trip.

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Write to Mr. James B. Camp, Business Manager, P. O. Box 63, Louisville, Ky., with amount for number of seats desired, and he will take the selection of seats. Do not delay. We offer our best wishes for the success of Louisville's May Dramatic Festival.

Louisville tobacco warehousemen say that all sent out large quantities of seed for distribution, and many farmers accepted them, but not a plant has broken the soil where they were sown. The warehousemen say that they themselves were deceived, but the farmers believe that the seeds were scalded to destroy the germ, and distributed freely to prevent a large crop. The farmers, as well as everyone else, must know that the highest price you can pay for anything is to ask for it. —Ex.

We stated in our last issue that a Pembroke farmer had planted 95 acres in corn, the largest crop ever planted in the county. We have since learned of two farmers in the county who have planted much larger crops this year. Mat Cayce, of Church Hill, has 152 acres planted, and James Word, of Believel, has 142 acres which he finished planting last Saturday. If there are other larger crops we would like to hear of them.

Rev. Robert Nourse, who will lecture at the Methodist church Friday evening, is an orator in every sense of the word, who will hold his audience spell-bound under the charm of his graphic, racy diction, and the graceful flow of sound sense and fine humor. We have no doubt Mr. Nourse will be greeted with a large audience which he so richly deserves. Tickets 35 and 25 cts. Lecture begins at 8 o'clock.

Mr. D. T. Brown has been appointed Workhouse Manager by the Board of Commissioners. He will take all the prisoners out of the jail and lock up-to-day and exercise them on the Greenville road near the fair grounds.

On the last page will be found a biographical sketch of our young friend Robt. D. Vance, of Henderson. Bob wants to be a delegate to the St. Louis Convention and is in every way qualified for the appointment.

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The last few days railroad circles have been stirred with a new stick. Several gentlemen have taken the old "Hopkinsville Branch Railroad" charter in hand and propose to build a line from here to Bryant's, Abe's Shop, or some other point on the I. A. & T. A diligent search failed to discover the real father of the project but several gentlemen were found who "thought it was a good thing." Hon. John Feland said he had been asked to confer with Vice-President M. H. Smith, of the L. & N., about the matter and he is going to Louisville to-day to see that gentleman.

Sells Brothers' Royal Roman Hippodrome, Elevated Stage, Three Ring Circus and Five Centiment Manegarie.

The advertisers of this justly celebrated show are "painting the town red" with splendidly executed pictorial announcements of its coming. No exhibition in the world is better, if as well, advertised, and none so completely and to the letter fills the bill. Its reputation of being among the best tented displays on the road is cosmopolitan, and wherever its immense volume of mighty canvas is spread the patronage is sure to crowd it to its capacity. It comes to us this year with numberless added features, all strong drawing cards, and many of them never before presented to an American audience. Their bareback equestrians, both male and female, are marvelous performers; and the hippodrome attractions are as exciting as they are realistic. The show will be here Thursday May 10.

Natural Gas.

A Visit to the Well And Some Points about the Enterprise.

In company with Judge R. T. Price, Prof. J. W. Rust and Mr. M. D. Kelly, a KENTUCKIAN reporter visited the gas wells Saturday afternoon.

He found the workmen trying to take out 80 feet of casing which had stuck in the loose sand in the well. The well has reached a depth of 165 feet, and the manager says the sands look exactly like the samples from other wells where gas has been found.

These samples of sand, shale, or clay are kept in small bottles so that the visitor can see a geological section of the well at a glance. Thursday a mineral stream was struck which experts pronounce excellent "blue black."

It was this stream that caused the trouble with the casing. The well will be sunk 1,000 feet as per contract, and the "boss" informed us that with good luck he expected to finish in 18 days more.

The manner of boring is interesting. There are four workmen, Messrs. Wilhelm, Furgeson, Connelly and Carnes, two of whom serve from midnight till noon, the remaining two laboring the rest of the day. The drill is a metal rod 40 feet long, worked with a heavy walking-beam which is operated with an engine under a pressure of 75 lbs. of steam. The superincumbent derrick is 65 feet high. The laborers are provided with all manner of tools and seem to be experts at the business.

A word on the subject of the gas. Paraffine, or as it is better known, natural gas, has been known and used from the earliest times, but it is only lately that it has received scientific attention. Many of the Pennsylvania wells spout both oil and gas, some eitherly. These gaseous deposits are found at a depth of from 50 to 2,000 feet below the surface, and are contained in a porous strata covered by a slate formation. The amount of gas discharged by some of the largest wells is about 1,500,000 cubic feet per day. These are high pressure wells found at Pittsburgh and Findlay, O. Others, in Indiana especially, are known as low pressure wells and yield from 1,000,000 cubic feet downward. Natural gas displaced in 1886 6,000,000 tons of coal valued at \$9,000,000.

"Gas is gaseous petroleum. Petroleum is a mixture of thirty distinct bodies, forming an interesting chemical compound. All of these ingredients are inflammable. Natural gas in a pure condition is colorless, odorless, tasteless and lighter than any other gas except hydrogen. Natural gas heats better than it lights on account of a lack of carbon. It is sometimes found free in the earth, and sometimes in a petroleum solution. Natural gas and petroleum oil all come from the sea weeds and animals of the Paleozoic age, when the waters of the sea covered this whole territory.

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